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I am delighted to hear of the success which you and the rest of the dear brethren meet with now that you have gone out into the harvest. Go on to labor in the good cause, and may God be with you. By a letter received in this city from Geo. Perkins I learn that he is laboring successfully. So Broth Nichols quite to the acceptance of the people and with good success. Perkins says he ranks a much more acceptable and useful man than he expected. Dickerson has gone out into the wilderness and preaching in two or three places. As to myself I know not what is before me. I must by hook and crook stay here at least this winter. It will be a hooked and crooked way with a vengeance for I am poor as you please. I can very little when I am to be located when I shall be prepared to locate I have some two or three hundred dollars debt to liquidate before I can fix any where. All I want is to see the duty. — It maybe that I may pay you a visit in course of a twelve month. — Rev John Mitchell has received a call to Norfolk Ct, and is wanted at Fair Haven. Not undecided — Tell Broth Lee that I have been out of town for two or three days, and Kirby also out of town and I have not been able to find a suitable box to pack his books in, and Dr P could not carry them in his trunk. Remember me affectionately to him and Broth Batorwin. I must now hatter off to monthly concert. If I think of any thing more on my return I will make a small addition.

I enclose Mr Gay Home Miss^{ry} which I hit upon this afternoon. Some little seriousness exists within a few days in the city. Christians are somewhat awake. My Affectionately
Write soon, J D M Perry

was up, and it was hurrah boys, down with him. but if south
~~five months ago~~ ing was said he did not seem to be thought
of six months ago however, it was "hurrah boys" without
any cessation: all then were in full chase.

I verily believe if the young men of our school will go out into the
world not to advance their peculiar views but to preach the gospel
as they are taught to understand it; if they go determined
to know nothing else but Jesus Christ and him crucified there is
no danger that our school will fall to the ground. And I
believe no class of young men is to be found in our country whose
conduct is more unexceptionable - more judicious than Dr
Paylor's students, Dr Woods to the contrary notwithstanding.

You have doubtless read the review of Woods. The Dr never was faced
down before. It came upon him like a thunder bolt. You doubtless
also have heard of the meeting at Andover, wherein they voted
that all further discussion should cease. The Andover professors were
not in the vote. Mr Bacon attended the anniversary. ^{I should compare}
According to his description of things, the ministers were like
a hornet's nest into which a mischievous boy had thrown a
stone, all in unutterable amazement and confusion. The big buck
himself had been taken by the horns. Such was the excitement
that friends and foes seemed to regret that Woods had been chosen
answered. All feared the effects on Andover. As Bacon remarked
in his quaint style every "one seemed to say, "Alas were
est thou the High Priest so?" Said Bacon in telling it "I wish
not that he was the High Priest." In consequence of that vote
at Andover Dr Paylor will not I understand from his own mouth
write and publish further at present. He thinks Woods will - may
never - and especially as none of the Andover folks were in
the vote. Dr D. had a letter from him a few days since, en-
quiring whether he was to publish soon. Dr D. returned such answer
as to leave him as much in the dark as before.

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Dear Phelps

We are good L. leaves for Shunburne early tomorrow morning. It is now or never with respect to my long intended letter to you. And first to despatch ^{the} business which is to be transacted between you and me. You ask respecting a letter from a Mr Whitney. I enclose it to you as the shortest way of giving you information. I complied with the request in your behalf, and took a receipt for the money which I have now in my possession. If you wish receipt to be transmitted to the different individuals please inform me. I have done nothing about procuring a copy of the Spec. for Mr Whitney.

As to the brethren riding hobbies, I have not seen one of them mounted this term: All seem to be moving on soberly afoot. Our school is in a pleasant state most of my class have returned to pursue the studies of Senior year. Some decrease in numbers among the new members - 8 or 10 in the junior class. Few pious students graduated last fall here or elsewhere: and moreover such a hue and cry has been raised a bout New Haven Theology that some poor souls dare not venture here, lest when they are through they should not find a place to hold forth. I don't know but I shall be thrown adrift because of my sentiments: but I doubt it. "Magna est veritas et praevalabit." In Litchfield county when I spent my vacation, and where the bear has been the most magnified and distorted, I thought things looked rather more favorable. If you said any thing about the bear, every club